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"face sharpening" that comes from intercourse with those whose lines of thought and interest differ widely from her own, else she will get into a mental rut, and in old age be able to think and talk nothing but "shop." A nurse should have many acquaintances among people of moderate means, whom she can visit freely and informally—as my minister comes to my back door in his shirt sleeves, sometimes. That is, she should be able to take part freely in the social life of the community. She should be as free to do this as is the average shop girl in a small town, or the average married woman of moderate means.

Without putting an undue estimate on the present value of a man (ISAIAH XIII: 12), I do think a nurse needs male society; she ought to be able to associate sometimes with men of her own age, who are accomplishing things in fields of activity far removed from her own. Men need the refining influence of women; have women no corresponding need?

Opportunities for such social recreation will probably have to be planned or discovered by the superintendent, perhaps through the "ladies' hospital aid association" of the town; or through the ordinary women's clubs; or through the clergymen. Anything that will enlist the interest of the church in the hospital will be a blessing to the church, and ought to be a blessing to the hospital.

Give the nurses a chance to associate with men and women of culture and refinement who will treat them with dignity and respect. I think it will help to solve the problem.

BAYARD E. HARRISON.

Massachusetts.

AFFILIATION OF NURSE EXAMINING BOARDS

DEAR EDITOR: Your editorial in *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* for January, 1914, was read with considerable interest by the members of this Board. We feel as you do, that greater publicity would be of great advantage to the work of registration.

It is the desire of the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners for Registration of Nurses to receive suggestions from all sources, which would be of benefit.

It is our opinion that an organization of the different State Boards has not reached that stage of development that would warrant an attempt at organization of all the State Boards. We feel that the organization of each State Board is necessarily slow, because of the various matters to be considered. We would, however, inform you that this Board has reached that stage of development, where progress is being made with greater rapidity and with greater confidence.

WILLIAM S. HIGBEE, M.D., President.

Pennsylvania.

THE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

DEAR EDITOR: We have visited the Haven Country Club and it is ours! And a delightful place it is to spend a day, a week end or a whole vacation. Think of it, nurses; a country club we can call our own, where we can stay in bed for all the meals we like, take long tramps in the woods, spend quiet days on the porch with its magnificent view of the Hudson, and enjoy cosy evenings indoors with books, music or cards! One makes interesting friends there too, teachers, social workers and all sorts of women who have "done things." And one gets away from those

phrases that, I am sure, must have been written in some ancient book of etiquette under the heading "Polite Conversation to a Nurse."

The Club is ours for the asking, but we must belong to it before it can belong to us. We need the Club, the Club also needs us, and cannot live without our loyal support. So hurry up and send your application to Miss M. E. McKay, Superintendent, Nyack, New York—and snatch the first chance to run up over a week end with your best friend. You'll find it hard to tear yourself away on Monday morning, but you will be so glad you belong—and register a vow to come back soon and often.

"R.N."

A WORD FROM ST. LOUIS

DEAR EDITOR: May I say, through the JOURNAL, for the nurses of St. Louis and Missouri, that we are looking forward with pleasure to seeing here many, many nurses from all over the country. We want a big crowd and the best meeting ever held. We shall not be satisfied with less. We are ready to give all a royal good welcome. Miss Stimson and her committee are ready to do anything they can, and others from all over the state are ready to fall into line. We are praying for good weather.

MARGARET MCKINLEY.

NEWS ITEM—TOO LATE FOR PROPER CLASSIFICATION

WISCONSIN

As Eau Claire is to have the meeting of the State Association of Graduate Nurses, on April 7, the nurses there are anxious to have as many as possible from all parts of the state attend, and will do their best to make it pleasant and worth while for them. If any who are contemplating coming will send word of the time and train on which they will arrive, they will make a special effort to meet them and provide for their entertainment.

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